



Resources for Setting up a RI Children's Book Award Voting Station at a Public Library

- Create a shelf or special area to keep the current RICBA nominees
 - Free RICBA nominee spine labels and award seals are available from OLIS
<http://www.olis.ri.gov/services/children/ricba/awardlabels.php>
 - If possible, display the RICBA nominees throughout the whole year so it gives kids more time to read more of the books on the list
 - Voting ballots and boxes are for the whole month of February

- Some ideas/phrases to add to your signage at your RICBA display:

Rhode Island Children's Book Award (RICBA)

- For RI kids in grades 3-6*
 - Read or listen to at least 3 of the nominated books and vote for your favorite in Feb. 2017.
 - Read and make your voice heard!
 - It's like the Kids' Choice Awards event for books!
 - The winning book will receive this medal and the winning author will come to RI to visit some lucky students.
 - Start reading anytime. The earlier, the better. Voting takes place in Feb. each year.
 - Display the RICBA logo, nominee bookmark, and poster (see links below)
- Voting ballots will be available for libraries to print starting Jan. 30th - March 6, 2017 at the RICBA OLIS webpage
<http://www.olis.ri.gov/services/children/ricba/>
 - During the month of February, provide paper RICBA voting ballots and a voting box at the RICBA display
 - Kids in grades 3-6* are eligible

- Each reader can only vote one time (if reader already votes at school, he or she can't vote again at the public library)
- Librarian at the Voting Station: Collect voting results and submit the totals no later than March 6, 2017 through the survey link to be provided on the RICBA OLIS website.
- Wait for the state-wide results.
- Display the winning book and add the official RI Children's Book Award medal to your library copies of the book.

RICBA logo: <http://www.olis.ri.gov/img/RICBA-2016-Red.png>

RICBA 2017 Nominee Bookmark

<http://www.olis.ri.gov/services/children/ricba/nomineepdfs/2017nominees.pdf>

More resources for librarians/teachers : <http://www.olis.ri.gov/services/children/ricba/index.php>
(poster, curriculum connections, voting timeline, etc)

If you willing to be a public library voting station, please contact Renee Perron at rperron@pawtucketlibrary.org so we can publicize your involvement in the program. This is very important as we are reaching out to homeschooling families who would like to vote at a local library. We'd also love to see a picture of your RICBA display to add to our Facebook page.

*This is the final year for RICBA to be for grades 3-6. Starting next year, RICBA will be for kids in grades 3-5 due to the creation of the RI Middle School Book Award (RIMSBA) for grades 6-8.
<https://sites.google.com/site/ribookaward2017/>